



Maternal mortality rates in the United States are rising. The U.S. has the highest rate of maternal death among developed nations with significant racial disparities and large differences in rates between states. The Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) has identified five important ways that states are addressing the rising rates of maternal mortality: 1) the establishment of maternal mortality review committees, 2) the establishment of perinatal quality collaboratives, 3) the expansion of Medicaid, 4) reporting of maternal death data stratified by race/ethnicity, and 5) participation in the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health program. This fact sheet details the progress Virginia has made toward reducing maternal mortality. To view other state fact sheets, visit SMFM.org/scorecard.

Efforts by Virginia to Prevent Maternal Deaths

2018	2019	2020	
✓	✓	✓	Maternal Mortality Review Committee
✓	✓	✓	Perinatal Quality Collaborative
✗	✓	✓	Medicaid Expansion
✓	✓	✓	Reports Maternal Mortality Data by Race/Ethnicity
*	*	✓	Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health

Exists in the State: ✓
 In Progress: ●
 Does Not Yet Exist: ✗
 Not Measured in Past Years: *

Pregnancy-Related Mortality Ratio

(number of pregnancy-related deaths per 100,000 live births)

Race	Virginia*	USA
American Indian	+	28.3 [^]
Asian or Pacific Islander	+	13.8 [^]
Non-Hispanic Black	4.6	41.7 [^]
Hispanic	+	11.6 [^]
Non-Hispanic White	3.16	13.4 [^]
Overall	3.9	17.3 ^{**}

*2015 | **2017 | [^]2014-2017

+Data suppressed due to low numbers. Virginia does calculate a combined PRMR for other racial and ethnic minorities. For 2015, the PRMR for this group was 5.8.

Insurance Coverage for Reproductive-Aged Women and New Mothers in Virginia

10%

of women 15-44 years of age are without health insurance.

Virginia's Medicaid program covers pregnant people up to

205%

of the federal poverty level.

Pregnant people and new mothers with monthly incomes of

\$3,711

or less are eligible for Medicaid coverage (family of 3).

Most new mothers lose Medicaid coverage

60

days after giving birth.

Postpartum Medicaid Extension

SMFM recommends that states provide 12 months of comprehensive postpartum Medicaid coverage to all new mothers.



State Actions Aimed at Reducing Maternal Deaths

Maternal Mortality Review Committees

- Gather and analyze data and
- Make recommendations



Perinatal Quality Collaboratives

- Build the infrastructure for and advance system-wide quality improvement efforts

AIM

- Implement patient safety bundles

Policymakers

- Advance policy reforms, including expanding and extending Medicaid coverage

Virginia's Maternal Mortality Review Committee	Website http://bit.ly/VAMMRC
	Most Recent Report http://bit.ly/VAMMRCReport2019
	Year Most Recent Report Released 2019
	Does Most Recent Report Include Recommendations? Yes



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Review data sources and methodology at
<https://www.smfm.org/scorecardmethodology>.

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